

HOUSE RESOLUTION 24

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Trooper Michael Wayne Slagle.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their own concerns to ensure our collective freedom and personal safety, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, in providing for the domestic tranquility of the community as a whole, society recognizes the need for a system of laws; the enforcement of the law has been entrusted to a small number of dedicated individuals; and

WHEREAS, these individuals face daily, the rigors of human conflict in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee are fortunate to be served by the brave and dedicated law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line while carrying out their essential duties; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Michael Slagle of the Tennessee Highway Patrol was one such outstanding public servant, and the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of his untimely death; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Slagle was a twenty-seven year veteran of the Tennessee Highway Patrol; during that time he earned the resolute respect of his peers and superior officers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving the citizens of Tennessee through his work as a Trooper, Mr. Slagle devoted his time to the Corryton Masonic Lodge #321 F. & A.M. and FOP Lodge #36; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Slagle was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Laura, and was the proud parent of Kacye Baker, Whitney Gosnell, and Chad Slagle; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Slagle is survived by his father and mother, Jake and Judy Slagle, as well as his sister and brother-in-law, Janeene and Mike Smith; he will also be sorely missed by his six grandchildren, along with numerous other family members, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, a trusted member of his community, Trooper Slagle regarded his work as a trooper to be of the utmost significance; Michael Slagle leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity, probity, and valor in his public life as a law enforcement officer, compassion and loyalty in private life, and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Trooper Michael Wayne Slagle, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Trooper Slagle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.